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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ondrus et al. Examiner: Koch, George

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A JOINT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed on 10/01/02 (hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action") in the following manner:

REMARKS

The Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for a kind and thorough review of the Application. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that it is not clear where in the specification as originally filed support for the newly filed claims (15 - 22) resides. The Applicants have filed a CPA to enable the Examiner to review claims 15 - 22 and address the Examiner's assertion of a lack of support in the specification in this Response to Office Action.

The Applicants assert that all of the new claims are